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SUBJECT: IRAN: UK SAYS LEGAL BASIS FOR EU LISTING OF MEK IS  
FRENCH INVESTIGATION

REF: A. STATE 83598 B. LONDON (GAYLE) EMAILS JULY 30 AND PREVIOUS TO NEA/IR C. LONDON 1593 AND PREVIOUS Classified By: Class

1. (C) Summary: The EU's continued anti-terror listing of the Mujaheddin e Khalq (MEK) depends on the existence of an active French investigation. EU Listing: Based on French Investigation -----

2. (C) In the wake of the delisting of the MEK in the UK (ref c) the legal basis for the EU's continuation of the anti-terrorist listing of the

3. (C) Tongue commented the EU's approach, relying on an investigation of unknown length and result, may leave the duration of the EU's continued listing of the MEK Allies in Parliament -----

4. (C/NF) Tongue added that the Foreign Secretary had recently been challenged in the House of Commons during question time, by an "MEK-friend"

5. (C/NF) In previous conversations Tongue has noted the strength and persistence of the core group of MP's in the House of Commons ("perhaps the only group in the UK Trying to Soothe Tehran on MEK -----

6. (C) Tongue has consistently said HMG, having lost the legal battle, will focus its anti-MEK efforts on policy. Foreign Secretary Miliband

7. (C) Tongue commented that the high level of anxiety generated in the regime over the MEK's actual relationships to western governments continues to be a major factor in the UK's approach. Comment -----

8. (C) Although many Iranian expat and expert contacts dismiss the MEK, usually as too widely despised within Iran LONDON 00002060 002 OF 02  
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